

## POULTRY SUMMARY

In 2008, Minnesota turkey growers ranked first in turkeys raised and in pounds produced. Minnesota growers raised 48.0 million turkeys, up 3.2 percent from 2007. The total liveweight of turkeys produced was 1.31 billion pounds, up 7.2 percent from the previous year. The average price received for turkeys in 2008 was \$0.57 per pound, and the value of the state's turkey production in 2008 was \$744.2 million.

During 2008, hatcheries in the West North Central Region (which includes the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota) placed 117.9 million turkey poult, down 2 percent from 2007.

Minnesota's total chicken inventory (excluding broilers) on December 1, 2008, was 13.4 million birds, down 2 percent from the previous year. The state's egg production in 2008 was 2.77 billion eggs, down 4 percent from 2007. The value of eggs produced was up 23 percent in 2008, to \$237.2 million. The all-egg price increased to \$1.03 per dozen. The annual average number of layers on farms was down slightly, to 10.0 million.

In 2008, the number of broilers produced was down 4 percent, to 44.9 million. In 2008, the value of broiler production increased to \$107.1 million. These poultry estimates are based on survey data reported by producers, hatcheries, and processing plants.

